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FUNFAIR PRIZES WERE PACKETS OF CIGARETTES

by **Holly Rummens**

PARENTS were left fuming when a travelling funfair offered packets of cigarettes as prizes inside 'grabber' machines.

The packs were on show alongside scratch cards and teddies in the arcade machines at the Blackpool Goes to Liverpool fair in Walton Hall Park.

The fair which arrived on Thursday, May 16, is set to stay in Liverpool until May 26.

Twenty five packets of cigarettes were seized by Liverpool council's Trading Standards alcohol and tobacco department after they had been alerted by a concerned parent.

Gary Baskott, spokesperson for Trading Standards, said: "Officers visited the fairground on Sunday, May 19 after being alerted by a Walton resident who was visiting the fair. Twenty five

Trading Standards seize ciggies from 'grabber' machines

packets of cigarettes were seized from the machines and destroyed.

"Offering cigarettes as prizes on fairgrounds is not acceptable. We believe the packets of cigarettes are counterfeit or foreign judging by the labelling, this was why quick action had to be taken."

He said employees at the fairground co-operated with officers and no further action would be taken and this job was treated the same as any other discovery.



Arcades at Jan de Koning fun fairs

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Anti-smoking campaigners were stunned by the find.

Andrea Crossfield, director of Tobacco Free Futures, the North West regional office for tobacco control, said: "Giving away

cigarettes as prizes in a funfair arcade is totally unacceptable.

"In the North West four out of five children who try smoking do so before they are 14 years old.

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Eccles cakes and microwaves – potentially an explosive combination according to firefighters.
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Eccles cakes fire alert!

by **David Raven**

IF you microwave an eccles cake you could be putting your life at risk!

That's the warning issued by firefighters following a spate of local fires caused by the sweet treat.

Incredibly, firefighters have been called to three incidents in south Sefton in recent weeks – all caused by eccles cakes being microwaved!

The simple, but popular, treat is made up from pastry, currants, butter, mixed fruit peel and egg white.

But firefighter bosses claim the fires are due to the sugar in the cakes igniting if cooked for too long in a microwave – despite a lack of warnings from either manufacturers or retailers on the packaging.

When discussing the incident, Crosby watch manager James Murphy, revealed how he has attended at least three eccles cake fires in recent weeks.

He said: "The sugar in the eccles cakes can ignite if cooked for a little too long."



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Special award for Walton nurse

THE WALTON Centre's Annual Nursing Awards saw a special award being presented to a nurse who is described by her colleagues as compassionate and caring.

Joan Sawtell, has worked for The Walton Centre for 26 years and won the Director of Nursing Award which is given in recognition of outstanding

care. Director of Nursing Lisa Grant said: "Joan embodies the best qualities in nursing; she is very warm and caring; always patient with patients and making sure that all their needs are met. The feedback from her patients is always full of praise."

Joan was also a runner up for the Health Care Assistant of the Year Award

and will now be a part of team whose aim is to work towards creating a training package for health care assistants in The Walton Centre.

Joan, Walton, said: "I was thrilled to win the award and also to be nominated by my colleagues for the Health Care Assistant of the Year; everyone was genuinely pleased for me."

New support group for people with macular disease

SPECIALISTS at Aintree Hospital have started a new support group to help patients deal with the impact of being diagnosed with the leading cause of blindness, macular disease.

They are hoping the new group will give patients the opportunity to share coping mechanisms and stories of living with worsening eyesight while also hearing from leading consultants and charities.

Pauline Guinness, Retinal Co-ordinator at Aintree, said: "This group will give patients an opportunity to help shape the service we provide and also foster a sense of comrardery. Each patient will be at a different stage with their condition so for new patients it will

hopefully remove some of the fear around their new diagnosis and our long-term patients can share their ways of coping.

"Macular degeneration can be a very isolating experience and patients will often feel they've lost their independence if they can no longer drive or recognise a friend waving at them in the street, for example."

The macula is part of the retina at the back of the eye. It is responsible for our central vision, most of our colour vision and the fine detail of what we see. There are two types of macular degeneration – wet and dry.

Helen Jackman, Chief Executive of the Macular

Society, said: "We're delighted this support group is being set up in the eye clinic of Aintree University Hospital and are very pleased it is going to be affiliated to us. Groups such as this can help to build the confidence and independence of people affected by central vision loss, as well as being a valuable source of information."

"Groups give an excellent opportunity to meet other people affected by the condition and learn from each others experiences."

The team at Aintree was shortlisted for the Clinical Service of the Year award at last year's Macular Disease Society 25th Anniversary Awards for Excellence.

Trustees needed for 'Iron Men' organisation

Bootle-based team want to help create businesses and jobs in south Sefton

by **David Raven**

THE organisation that brought Antony Gormley's Iron Men to Crosby beach is looking for more trustees to help oversee the next stage of its development.

Bootle-based South Sefton Development Trust arranged the initial short-term loan of the famous Another Place sculptures in 2005. After they proved hugely popular, Sefton Council provided funding to make them a permanent attraction in the borough.

These days the main focus of the Development Trust's work is on supporting new businesses including social enterprises, pre-employment training, professional development and business skills training.

One of its business training programmes has been adopted as an example of best practice by the European Union, and is now being replicated as far afield as Germany, Sweden, Lithuania, Bulgaria and Cyprus.

And the organisation also manages the landmark Investment Centre office building on Stanley Road in the heart of Bootle town centre.

Against this background, the Development Trust is looking to recruit additional board members who can help it to create businesses and jobs in the area.

Chief executive, Cate Murphy, explained: "In the current economic climate our work is more important than ever, which is why we're looking to strengthen our team of trustees who play a vital role in the work of the organisation."

"We're particularly looking for people with experience of commercial operations, new



Anthony Gormley with the Iron Men
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project development or marketing skills. People with an interest in south Sefton's communities, and young people, would be especially welcome.

"Applicants with good links to the key strategic players in Merseyside's public, private and community sectors would also be very useful to the organisation."

"We're hoping for a good response to this appeal for trustees from people from a wide range of backgrounds," added Mrs Murphy.

"The new board members will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are making an important contribution to the regeneration of our area."

People offering their services as a trustee can ring Cate Murphy on 0151-934 2637 for an initial chat or express an interest by emailing cate.murphy@ssdtrust.co.uk.

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Tributes pour in as Carra bows out

Report by **David Raven**

THOUSANDS of coloured cards were held up in a mosaic to mark the final game for Liverpool legend Jamie Carragher on Sunday. The Bootle-born defender made 737 appearances for the Reds, lifting several trophies, and admits the highlight of his career was the Istanbul Champions League final in 2005. Tributes to Jamie, who lives in Blundellsands, poured in from across the globe with famous footballing names including Thierry Henry and Alex Ferguson, queuing up to praise him. But some of his biggest plaudits came from much closer to home. His dad, Philly said: “I was at the match for his last game and it was absolutely brilliant, a great send-off and all our family attended. “I’m very proud of him. You couldn’t have asked for much better than 737 games for your hometown club, it’s the stuff of your wildest dreams.” Jamie’s former headmaster John Rourke, who is now secretary of Bootle & District Primary Schools FA, added: “He’s a lovely family man and has been a good role model and a great supporter of



The mosaic inside Anfield. Picture by Joseph Henderson Code NA

schoolboy football. “His commitment and dedication to the game can’t be matched. He was like that when he was younger and he carried it on throughout his career.” Jamie, who hit the bar with a 35-yard rocket of a shot, said: “I scored on my debut 16 years ago and it would have been nice to finish that way, but it wasn’t to be, it

was a couple of inches out. I’m just getting the hang of shooting in my last game. It’s something that has come a bit late for me. “I tried to stay focused on the game and not let it all catch up with me really and affect my performance. The important thing was to get a win and finish on a good performance and that’s what we have managed to do.”

Cup final role is dream come true for Helen

by **Henry James**

A SPORTS student from Fazakerley has seen her dream come true after being chosen to help referee the women’s FA cup final this weekend. Helen Byrne who is currently in her third year on the BA (Hons) Sports Development course will be an assistant referee at the centre of the women’s football showpiece, which will be played at the home ground of Doncaster Rovers FC this Sunday (May 26) between Arsenal and Bristol. For the first time in four years the game will also be screened live on BBC TV. Helen, who goes to Edge Hill University, Ormskirk, said: “When I received the call about the appointment I couldn’t believe it but I can’t wait for the day now. It will be a great experience for me as I have never refereed in front of that many people before, and the fact that it is on national TV makes it even more exciting. It’s like a dream come true for me.” She began training to become a football referee at the age of just 14. She has now qualified as a level three referee, becoming the youngest female in the country to reach this level. In addition, Helen has also played for Everton for 10 years, then Liverpool Football Club for two years, and gained her coaching badge at the age of 16. “I had to make the decision to referee or carry on playing, and though it was a hard one to make, I decided to go with the refereeing,” added the 20-year-old Edge Hill student. “I live for the game and I know that I am good at it, so I just go out there to enjoy it. You have to make some tough decisions on the pitch but that’s what I’m there for and, with experience,



Helen Byrne Code NA

you learn how to deal with it. “Some people say I am mad and ask me if I get abuse. Sometimes the crowd can be worse than the players – but I love it.” Helen, who last year was also a recipient of an Edge Hill University Sporting Excellence Scholarship due to her inspirational career, now referees within semi-professional leagues, often officiating for men’s adult teams. There are only five or six women in the country who have reached the

level that Helen is at now, and only three women have reached level two. Long term, her aim is to progress through the men’s and women’s games, eventually refereeing at the very highest level. But Helen has plenty to keep her busy over the next few years. She has a long association with volunteering in football, coaching in schools for children through her teens and promoting healthy lifestyle advice for children and in care homes for the elderly.

MP backs ‘collective energy switch’ move

ANFIELD MP Steve Rotheram is backing Liverpool City Region to help reduce people’s energy bills by using collective buying power to negotiate cheaper tariffs from energy suppliers. Anyone can join the LCR collective switch, regardless of their current supplier or payment methods. Those who have never switched energy supplier or haven’t switched in the past 12 months are likely to benefit most. The scheme organised by Wirral based charity Energy Projects Plus together with LCR aims to make it safer and easier to switch supplier and households could save up to £200 per year on their energy bills. The registration period for people to join the collective switch closes on June 3. By registering with the scheme householders will help increase the bulk buying power, they will also receive information about the tariffs that have been negotiated through the collective switch. The MP said of the LCR Collective Switch “With over 2,300 registrations already, this initiative is hoping to give people the opportunity to come together and help reduce the cost of their energy bills. Many of my constituents have voiced their concern over the rising cost of energy prices, which are adding to the financial hardship in Liverpool Walton, one of the most deprived areas of the country. I welcome any scheme which offers my constituents the opportunity to save money and I hope more and more people register before June 3”. The LCR Collective Switch is backed by Halton Council, Knowsley Council, Liverpool City Council, Sefton Council and Wirral Council. It’s free to join and householders will be able to see how much they would save before they decide if they want to switch suppliers. Householders can join the collective switch by registering online at www.LCRenergyswitch.co.uk or by calling the local Save Energy Advice Line on freephone 0800 043 0151, where residents can also get free and impartial help and advice about saving energy at home. holly.rummens@champnews.com

Cigarettes seized from funfair

From page 1 “These packs are usually glitzy and colourful; they are appealing to children and young people, who are the main users of these games. “This attempt to make money at the cost of children’s health is wildly irresponsible and undermines the great work being carried out by partners across Liverpool and Merseyside to reduce the amount of children taking up smoking every year.” The fairground is run by De Koning Leisure who said they were ‘shocked and unaware of the situation until they were alerted by a customer.’ Owner Jan de Koning said: “We only operate the fair and the rides but the business regarding the games and the arcades are sub let to concessionaires, and we weren’t aware they were there. “This particular concessionary was new to us and we had never used them previously, it is in our guidelines to run regular checks on all the games but obviously these machines had been missed. “We are not going to be working with this company again following this incident and they have been severely reprimanded. We are currently looking to review our procedures because this is obviously not good enough. “It is something we absolutely do not condone.”

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Ferries join Atlantic events

MERSEY Ferries are joining forces with the Battle of the Atlantic for its 70th anniversary by operating their own special cruises.

They are planning to run frequent sightseeing cruises of the visiting vessels from Liverpool Pier Head, Seacombe and Woodside with each round trip lasting 40 minutes.

The event is running from Friday, May 24 to Tuesday May 28 with commuter services being slightly disrupted. Morning and evening sailings

will operate normally on the Friday with special sightseeing cruises between 10am – 3.50pm.

On Saturday, May 25, Sunday May 26 and Monday, May 27 there will be no commuter services with regular sightseeing cruises operating throughout the day between 9am – 5pm.

Tuesday, May 28 will see morning commuter services running as normal, followed by sightseeing cruises operating between 10am – 12 noon.

Seven Sefton Council staff earned over £100,000 last year, new figures show

by David Raven

SEVEN Sefton Council staff earned over £100,000 last year, new figures show.

Each year the Taxpayers' Alliance publishes a report entitled the Town Hall Rich List, which uses each council's own accounts to determine the highest salaries of senior bosses.

The report, published this week, shows that during 2011/12, seven senior staff in Sefton Council earned over £100,000 in remuneration packages, which is a fall from 11 in the previous year.

At the top of the list was the council's chief executive, Margaret Carney, who earned according to the report £158,981, with some £25,260 coming from pension contributions.

This was, however, a fall from the previous year in which she was paid £174,142 in total.

The 'people strategic director' for Sefton Council, a new position, was paid £118,159 with £22,320 on top in pension contributions.

Sefton's 'place strategic director' also a new position, earned a total of

...but at least our town hall 'rich list' is falling says Taxpayers' report

£116,169, the director of corporate commissioning earned £100,028 and the director of young people and families was paid £115,263, which includes pension contributions.

Two other new positions were included in the list as the director of older people pocketed £104,777 in total and the director of corporate support services earned some £104,783.

The figures are from the most recent accounts which cover the financial year of 2011/12.

Matthew Sinclair, chief executive of the TaxPayers' Alliance, said: "It is good news that the number of senior council staff making more than £100,000 a year is finally falling, although that may only be because many authorities have finished paying eye-watering redundancy bills."

"Sadly, too many local authorities



Margaret Carney

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are still increasing the number of highly paid staff on their payroll, some of whom are given hundreds of thousands of pounds in compensation just to move from one public sector job to another.

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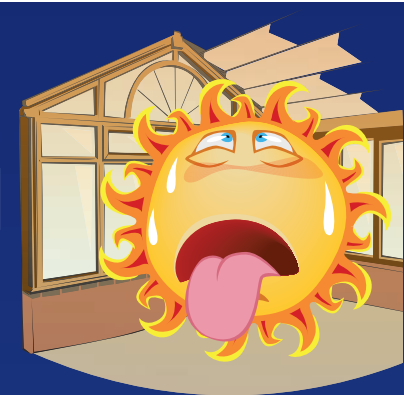
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Appeal to help trace Walton man

MERSEYSIDE police are appealing to the public for help tracing a man from Walton who is wanted in connection with a burglary offence.

Kevin Weetman, 21, is wanted by Merseyside police in connection with a burglary that happened in the Everton area in March.

Weetman is described as being white, 5ft 6ins tall of a slim build with shaved ginger hair and blue eyes.

Officers searching for Weetman are urging him or anyone who knows of his whereabouts to call Merseyside Police on 0151 777 4840 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 55 111.

Junction box fire

FIREFIGHTERS had to extinguish a fire which started in an electrical junction box in a street in Everton Road in Everton on Wednesday, May 15.

Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service were called to the incident at 11.08pm. Around 70% of the box was severely damaged by fire.

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PO raid: police release CCTV images of two men

CCTV images of two men who could hold valuable information about two incidents at a post office in Bootle have been released by detectives.

The first incident took place at around 8.40am on March 13.

Staff at the Post Office on New Strand, were opening the shop when two men entered and started opening the cash drawers.

The offenders then left the shop empty handed and got into a red Peugeot, which was parked outside.

They drove off, the wrong way, along the New Strand access road, onto Washington Parade. Officers have since discovered this car was travelling on cloned number plates.

Officers are now linking this to a similar incident on March 28.

At around 8.50am, at the same Post Office, three men entered as staff were opening up.

The men threatened the terrified workers, who ran from building.

The offenders proceeded to take a significant quantity of cash from drawers and the safe.

The three men, two of whom were thought to be wearing grey tracksuits and the other a black tracksuit – had their faces covered and were wearing gloves.

They left Post Office and got into a black Nissan Qashqai, which



Detectives want to speak to this man in connection with a robbery at a Bootle post office

again was driven the wrong way down the access road onto Washington Parade, and back over the bridge onto Merton Road, before going through the bollards opposite Washington Parade onto Pembroke Road.

Again, officers have since discovered that this car was travelling on stolen number plates.

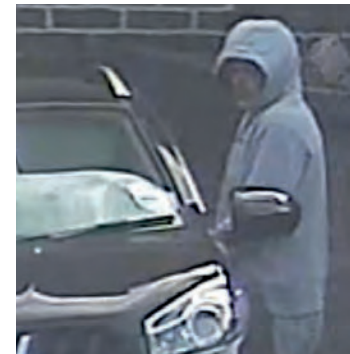
It is believed one of the men was walking with a limp when he got

back into the car, possibly as result of an injury received gaining entry to the Post Office.

In both incidents the staff were uninjured but shaken up by their experiences.

Detective Constable Jamie Dean said: "Robberies such as this are not victimless crimes and we are working hard to identify those involved and bring them to justice."

"I would ask anyone who



Detectives also want to speak to this man in connection with the robbery at a Bootle post office

recognises the men pictured in the CCTV, or anyone who saw this incident to get in contact – they could have information that could assist with our enquiries.

"This area is generally a busy area of Bootle and I'm sure if you saw either car in the area being driven erratically, you would remember. I would ask anyone with any information about either incident to come forward."

Detectives are urging anyone with any information to contact Sefton CID on 0151 777 3011 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Countdown starts to 2013 flower show.. and Carol's the star guest

CAROL Vorderman has started the countdown to the 2013 Southport Flower Show.

The popular TV presenter, who hosts Food Glorious Food on ITV1, will be officially opening the annual show in August.

This year's show includes the stunning display gardens and floral designs which have delighted visitors to the seaside event for the last 84 years.

The 2013 line-up also features the North West Food Festival, a book festival, amateur growers' competitions and entertainment for all the family.

Carol, who is a keen gardener herself, will be making a welcome return to Southport after she launched the show in 1995.

She said: "I love spending time pottering about in the garden and particularly like roaming around formal gardens and seeing the wonderful atmospheres which people create with plants."

"I'm delighted to be returning to the Southport Flower Show this year and I can't wait to pick up some tips from the experts."

Carol, who will open the show on August 15, joins a host of famous names at Southport this year.

Show patrons Professor David Bellamy, Stefan Buczacki and Matthew Wilson will be passing on their gardening expertise while celebrity chef Simon Rimmer will give a cookery demonstration in the food village.

The Southport Flower Show, which last year attracted over 70,000 visitors, runs from August 15 – 18. Ticket prices have been frozen this year and advance tickets are available for just £16 per person.

For more up to date information on the show, celebrity announcements, details and ticket bookings visit www.southportflowershow.co.uk.



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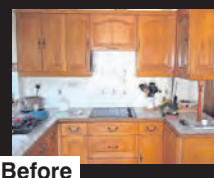
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Father and son ran £200m drug smuggling ring

Gang made 11 trips to Scotland in just 7 months and had safe house with ten ton press to package heroin

Report by **Holly Rummens**

A FATHER and son from Anfield controlled a Merseyside drug gang who have been sentenced to a total of 119 years in prison after smuggling heroin and cocaine worth up to £200million worth into Scotland.

The gang took 111 trips from Liverpool to Glasgow in a seven month period via road and rail networks and dealt an estimated street value of £100-£200 million of drugs.

There were 30 defendants in the case at Liverpool Crown Court including father and son criminal masterminds Christopher Welsh Senior, 55, of Paley Close, Anfield and his son Christopher Welsh Junior, 34, who organised the scheme along with their 'trusted' family and friends.

Judge David Aubrey, QC, sentenced the duo to a combined 31 years' jail, while Mark Shields, 45, of Bluebell Close, Kirkby, was also found to be a significant member of the gang and jailed for 14 years and eight months.

Titan, the North West's serious crime unit, began targeting the gang last March and disrupted them several times by seizing heroin and cocaine shipments.

The 32 kilos of heroin, cocaine and crack cocaine and 107 kilos of adulterants confiscated had a potential street value of £6.7m but the judge pointed out this was 'only the tip of the iceberg'.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that Welsh Junior, who had at least 43 pay as you go phones to avoid detection, kept in regular contact with his couriers and held meetings with conspirators in Liverpool and Scotland.

Detective Superintendent Jason Hudson, head of operations at Titan, said: "This gang were responsible for flooding the streets of Glasgow with incredibly dangerous and damaging Class A drugs, profiting from other people's misery in the process."

The remaining six significant men being sentenced at Liverpool Crown Court all pleaded guilty. Welsh Jnr's 'lieutenant' Christopher Amos, 28, of Vesuvius Street, Kirkdale received 13 years four months and Welsh Jnr's 'right hand man' James Edmonds, 33, of Every Street, Kensington got 13 years four months.

Brian Woods, 52, of Kirk Street, Everton, David McIver, 58, of Darcy Road, Everton and Steven Tynan, 37, of Abingdon Road, Walton whose homes were used as 'safe houses' for storage, mixing and drugs meetings, all received 12 years.

Courier Steven Wood, 31, of Orry Street, Vauxhall, whose home was also used as a 'safe



The drug Press recovered from 25 Orry Street belonging to Steven Wood.

house' received ten years after police raided his house last July and found an industrial 10-tonne press and moulds used to package and compact heroin power into professional solid blocks.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that Welsh Jnr, who had at least 43 pay as you go phones to avoid detection, kept in regular contact with his couriers and held meetings with conspirators in Liverpool and Scotland.

In July last year Welsh Jnr was in contact with courier Kenneth Fletcher, 52, of Barnton Close, Bootle, who travelled to Glasgow to meet Scottish dealer Paul Cochrane for a return of 'poor quality drugs' estimated at £280,000 street value. Fletcher was then arrested at Carlisle railway station.

Antony Breen, 48, of Linton Street, Walton, was one of the first to be arrested in March last year at Preston railway station after officers discovered heroin and adulterants in two holdalls with a potential street value of £2m.

The remaining 21 defendants were sentenced later in the week including another 12 from across Merseyside, one from Preston, Lancashire and eight from Scotland.



The holdall seized at Preston railway station.



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Antony Breen of Walton

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THE Alzheimer's Society Sefton is holding a free event offering advice on dementia issues.

The Dementia Solutions event will talk about the growing issue and offer advice on the services available for those living with the disease.

The event, supported by Maxwell Hodge, will be held on Thursday, May 23 at the Royal Clifton Hotel in Southport between 10.30am and 3pm.

For those with a personal or professional interest in Alzheimer's disease or any other type of dementia, the event will offer

information stands on everything from holidays to healthcare to singing groups and specialist equipment.

There will also be a reminiscence area for people with dementia to enjoy.

For more information contact Alzheimer's Society Sefton on 01704 539967.

It will soon cost you 30p to spend a penny

Report by **David Raven**

CHARGES for using public toilets in Sefton will rise from 20p to 30p while a charge of 20p will be introduced at facilities that were previously free to use.

The changes are being introduced as the borough council grapples to balance its budget and will take effect from June 1.

Council chiefs say they hope that it will mean that sufficient money will be generated to enable toilet facilities to be continued to be provided in future.

The new charges are being installed at the public toilets on Preston New Road and Hesketh Park in Southport. Notices have been put up by the facilities informing users about the charges.

Toilets operated by Sefton Council which will see an increase from 30p to 20p include facilities at Burbo Bank in Blundellsands, and at the junction of Brighton Road and South Road, Waterloo.

The same increases will be applied to the facilities on Eastbank Street, near to the junction with Lord Street, and on Hill Street in Southport, and toilets at the top of Scarisbrick Avenue on Southport Promenade.

Sefton Council say that, as a result of the decision to continue to provide public conveniences, the toilets at Shore Road, Ainsdale, adjacent to the beach, have also been improved.

At the moment, other public toilet facilities provided by Sefton Council will remain free of charge.

Councillor Trish Hardy, cabinet member for Communities and Environment, said: "These charges and slight increases have come about due to budget savings we have had to make following significant reductions in Government funding."

"While it is disappointing, the important thing is that these facilities will remain open for the public to use."

"It is hoped that sufficient money will be generated from the use of pay-to-use public toilet facilities across the borough to enable them to continue to be provided in future."

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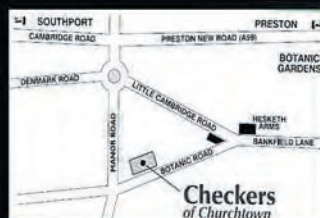
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Rare medal find is 'real deal' for Legion

A WOMAN who found a rare First World War 'death medal' while sorting through her late father's belongings has raised £80 for the Royal British Legion – with help from David Dickinson's Real Deal.

Maureen Jones, 62, from Seaforth was searching through her father James Tilley's items when she came across the rare item.

James was a World War Two veteran, as were all of his brothers, while their father served in World War One, all being avid supporters of the Royal British Legion.

Because of this, Maureen decided to have a free valuation for the medal when David Dickinson's Real Deal came to the Royal Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool.

One of the antiques dealers on the programme, Henry Nichols, offered to buy the 'death medal', dedicated to Steven Albert Finch, from Bournemouth, for £60.

He also donated a further £20 of his own money towards the British Legion.

Maureen presented the money to members of South Sefton British Legion, based on Moor Lane, Crosby.

She said: "This person lost his life serving for our country so it is only fair that I give something back on behalf of my father, who was an avid supporter of the charity."

South Sefton British Legion member Jack Colbert said: "It was very kind of Maureen to think of us for this donation and hopefully it might encourage other people who might have any old medals lying around to come forward and donate them to a good cause. They'd certainly be welcome."

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South Sefton British Legion members with Maureen Jones
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Hillsborough revelation: TV footage shows Kevin WAS still alive after original 'cut-off' time

By David Raven



Kevin Williams Code NA

CRUCIAL evidence suggests Liverpool fan Kevin Williams died some time after the so-called 'cut-off' time of 3.15pm during the Hillsborough disaster.

An off-duty police officer claimed he tried to treat Kevin, from Formby, after the cut-off mark imposed by the coroner at the original inquest into the tragedy who ruled that nobody could have survived after that time.

The officer's statement was brushed aside at the time by West Midlands police but a BBC Panorama programme screened on Monday night (May 20) claimed to show that it was, in fact, true.

The original inquest into the 1989 disaster, in which 96 people lost their lives, resulted in verdicts of accidental death being returned, but in December last year new inquests were ordered by the High Court.

The Hillsborough Independent Panel analysed the medical evidence in their report last year and claimed that, given proper treatment, more than half of the 96 fans who died might have had a chance of survival.

Despite several ambulances being outside the stadium, no medical supplies or ambulance crews were sent inside.

But as the coroner at the original inquest had ruled that all those who died had been beyond help by 3.15pm, the role the emergency services played in the disaster was never fully investigated.

Makers of the Panorama programme claim to have seen footage where, at 3.28pm, Kevin was pulled out of gate three and laid on the pitch before being carried across it.

Off-duty Merseyside police constable Derek Bruder, who found a pulse, tried to resuscitate Kevin and was photographed kneeling on the ground giving him the kiss of life, although he was not sure of the time.

PC Bruder's evidence was ruled to be 'unreliable' at the time of the inquests by West Midlands' police officers.

But the footage shows the moment PC Bruder goes to help Kevin and the programme claimed it was after 3.30pm, proving he had been right all along.

He has now made a complaint to the Independent Police Complaints Commission about how his evidence was handled.



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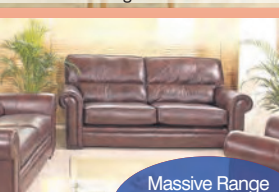
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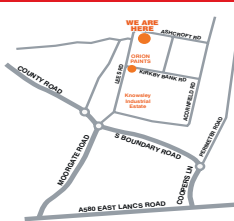
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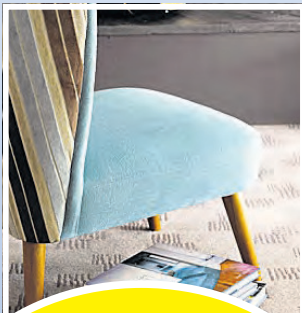
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Carl Pilkington and Dennis Cairns of Hightown Construction, club president Chris Scrine, Jan Owen, Bill Esterson MP, club chairman Mike Lydon and Hightown Parish Council chairman Tim Asbury. Code NA

Bowled over by new clubhouse

by **Stephanie O'Connor**

MP Bill Esterson has been so bowled over by the new facilities at the refurbished Hightown Club he has decided to join.

Mr Esterson was a guest of honour at the club's open day which was held recently to celebrate the opening of the new clubhouse.

The former clubhouse was razed to the ground when a blaze swept through the historic building back in 2011.

The club, which is home to cricket, tennis, bowls and squash teams, raised the funds for the rebuild, which included a £50,000 grant from Sport England, and they now boast some brand new facilities and hope to return to being a hub of the community.

Residents turned out in their hundreds for the open day which included taster sessions, family entertainment and refreshments.

And any Hightown resident who wasn't already a member were also offered 12 months' free membership.

Mr Esterson said: "The Hightown Club open day was a fantastic event and gave me and the hundreds of other people who came along the chance to see the fantastic new facilities, which include the fantastic new clubhouse.

"It is hard to believe that I was here just last year when I saw for myself the devastation the fire of 2011 caused.

"But like any great club, you can't keep Hightown Club down. They immediately picked themselves up and put the many, many hours in to do the work, fundraising and organising to get themselves back up and running. And having attended their open day, they have more than succeeded.

"The entire club should be tremendously

proud of what they have achieved."

The MP paid particular tribute to Hightown Construction who rebuilt the clubhouse in record time and to the secretary of the club for all her hard work.

He added: "I was amazed at how quickly the club house was rebuilt. When I was here in September for the presentation of the cheque by Sport England, work had not even started. So to see the brand new facility up, running and being enjoyed by the people of Hightown was an amazing achievement for all concerned.

"For such a large project to be completed over the winter really was impressive. Well done to all who were involved."

Chris Scrine, president of the Hightown Club, said he was delighted the open day went so well.

He said: "The day was a huge success and was extremely well attended. We want the new Hightown Club to be a place where all local residents can come along to play or watch sport, or simply enjoy using the fantastic new facilities. Already we have received over 150 new applications for membership.

"Our thanks again must go to all those who made it happen, to Sport England for their funding and to Mr Esterson for his support on the day. After such a positive start we can now look forward with confidence to a successful and prosperous future."

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Alex takes giant step forward!

by David Raven

ONE of the smallest 8-year-olds in the country is learning to communicate with his family for the first time thanks to speech therapy.

Alex Connerty, from Maghull, who goes to Summerhill Primary, was diagnosed with primordial dwarfism from a very young age.

He has featured in several television documentaries and once held the title of 'the tiniest boy in Britain'.

His parents, Sue and John, founded the first British primordial dwarfism charity called Walking With Giants.

But the eight-year-old has since grown and as his condition improves, is learning to string words together to communicate with his parents for the first time.

Proud mum Sue said: "Alex started communicating with us when he was aged five or six but he was really limited and we only understood him through facial expressions."

"Now thanks to speech therapy lessons, his understanding is a lot better so he can put a couple of



Alex with mum Sue
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words together and we can understand what he is saying.

"He also uses a state-of-the-art iPad in

order to communicate and is helped by the use of flash cards. It is good for Alex because he loves music and he loves dancing and singing to artists like One Direction and Bruno Mars."

But some celebrities are also fans of Alex.

Liverpool comedian and actor Ricky Tomlinson and his wife appeared on ITV's the All Star Mr and Mrs TV show recently and donated their winnings to the Walking With Giants charity.

They made the decision after Ricky met Alex following an event at The Green Room, Liverpool.

Sue added: "I was absolutely made up, it wasn't even just for the money, it's more for the fact he has thought of us and the exposure it would generate on national television."

Walking With Giants is also organising an It's A Knockout Family Fun Day at Aintree Racecourse on May 25.

Anyone interested in attending the day can contact Sue on 07595029150 or sue.connerty@walkingwithgiants.org.

• More information about the Walking with Giants can be found by visiting www.walkingwithgiants.org

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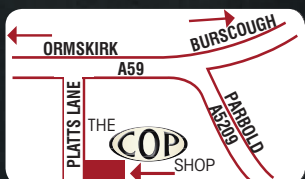
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I'm an 80 year old tenant and was forced out of my home

I have been reading in your paper about tenants forced out of their homes. I am one of those tenants. I lived in Montgomery House in Seaforth for 46 and half years. My husband was a caretaker for most of those years. I have come from a three bedroom to a two bedroom property (not my choice). The flat is much smaller so myself and other tenants had to leave furniture behind. Plus we are paying the same rent, the heating is not working right, and there are

draughts come through bottom of windows. My husband had to have blankets round him to keep him warm. He has now passed away. If you open windows the blinds fall down. I call this flat the flat that Jack built. All the housing group think of is money, not how upset people get. I am nearly 80 years old.

Mrs L Pennington,
Seaforth

Building relief road will cause heartache to Copy Lane residents

How I agree with Mr Derbyshire of Thornton (letters, May 15) regarding Bill Esterson taking credit for the relief road!

I cannot agree, however, that anyone involved in the procurement of the new road can be labelled a 'hero.'

The Thornton residents clearly feel in need of a bypass.

However, in planning the route, no thought has been paid to either the residents of the Copy Lane area, or those who simply love and utilise the open land.

They can only assume that the Thornton residents and responsible councillors have neither empathy or understanding of the sheer scale of heartbreak the installation of this road will cause them.

Bill Esterson once again trotted out the usual

claptrap about a new proposal bringing prosperity to the area.

How strange a claim, when the very idea of the road is to whizz people through our area without stopping, with the added bonus of destroying the countryside that we love!

We have already lost so much farmland in this area over the years, and indeed suffered the useless Northern Perimeter Road – the purpose of which has remained a mystery until now.

It could, of course, have been used as part of the new route, but I can only assume that that idea would have been too simple.

It is high time to call a halt to the destruction of our surroundings.

We have already lost far too much.

Julie Smith, By email

PICTURE of the week

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Ringling in the festival

Frank Hornby and the Parish Handbell Ringers wait to greet passengers at Maghull Railway Station at the start of a four day festival to celebrate 150 years since the birth of the legendary toy maker.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Memories of G&S comic operas wanted

I hope that some of your readers will remember the Gilbert and Sullivan operas which were performed in Seaforth every year from 1928 to 1939.

The Seaglam committee, as promised when the Gladstone memorial was unveiled on February 23, are going to organise a concert of 'Songs from the Shows' in June.

This is intended as an anniversary of the concerts in Seaforth of 85 years ago.

The parochial hall of Our Lady, Star of the Sea in Crescent Road, Seaforth, used to have regular concerts, dramas and variety, as well as whist drives, beetle drives, dances and lectures.

I have discovered a lady, aged 92, who has a photo of the whole cast of the Gondoliers opera in 1928, so I hope that other readers will also provide the same for me. Please email brendamurray300@gmail.com.

Brenda Murray,
By email

Costly way for council to get £15

People in glass houses really shouldn't throw pebbles.

You have recently run articles on council cutbacks, the decimation of the Meals on Wheels service, proposals for a fee for collection of green waste, restricted street lighting etc.

Yet, despite these austerity measures and the necessity to reduce overheads, I recently received a 'Final Notice to Pay' notification for my council tax bill, which was in fact less than 30 days old.

This consisted of a four page letter, an envelope, postage, and the cost of administration and distribution to households. It was tantamount to stupidity, as the outstanding amount in question was less than £15.

Name supplied,
By email

We must always remember the remarkable bravery and sacrifice of the Dambusters aircrews

We are commemorating the 70th anniversary of the celebrated Dambusters raid, one of the most daring operations carried out by the RAF during the Second World War.

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Of the 19 crews which had set out on the raid, eight did not return. In total, 53 men were killed and three ended up as prisoners of war. The Dambusters raid was just one of many

thousands carried out by RAF Bomber Command during the war.

Of the 125,000 men who served in Bomber Command, a total of 55,573 lost their lives, which gives you some sense of the tremendous bravery it must have taken to go out on bombing raids night after night knowing how low your chances of survival were.

As guardians of the Bomber Command Memorial in London, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund is committed to ensuring that the remarkable bravery and sacrifice of these young aircrew, who gave their lives defending our freedom, will always be remembered. To this end, we have pledged to raise £1.5million

to preserve the memorial for future generations.

This month we are also publishing a series of 53 blogs to mark the anniversary, each one dedicated to one of the 53 men who lost their lives in the raid.

The blogs feature a variety of exclusive material including video interviews with the last surviving veterans, archive footage and images from the raid. To follow our blog please visit www.rafbf.org/dambusters.

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Thank-you nurses!

by **Holly Rummens**

TO MARK International Nurses Day, staff at Aintree University Hospital received a very special 'thank you.'

Helpers at the hospital distributed thank you cards and cakes to 1,200 nurses based at the Fazakerley hospital.

International Nurses Day is held on the May 12 every year as a sign of remembrance to Florence Nightingale whose birthday is celebrated the same day.

Jill Byrne, Director of Nursing and Patient Safety at Aintree, said: "This is a great chance for us to thank all of our excellent nursing staff, who do so much for patients. At Aintree, we see patients nearly 500,000 times each year and our nursing teams are

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Rising star Jazza Dickens

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by Frank Martin

BUDDING boxing star James 'Jazza' Dickens returns to action for the first time since winning the vacant English super bantamweight title on Friday, May 24 with the opportunity to win another belt.

The 22-year-old Everton Red Triangle prospect will face tough Welshman Dai Davies for the vacant British Masters crown and he's viewing it as a chance to showcase the development he's made in recent weeks in front of a sell-out crowd at the Olympia.

He said: "I'm happy to be fighting 10 rounds for a title in front of my own people. There's a lots of ups and downs in boxing so I'm just happy to be able to get in there and fight. Getting in the ring gives me a buzz and it doesn't matter what type of fight it is."

Dickens made it 14 straight wins (five by KO) since turning pro in 2011 with an easy unanimous points win over Jon Fernandes at the Echo Arena on March 30 to lift the English crown.

But despite the judges scoring it 99-91, 99-91 and 99-92 in his favour, perfectionist Jazza believes there's plenty of room for improvement.

"I wasn't really happy with my performance last time.

"I know I've still got a lot of things to learn. In my fight with Fernandes I think I went a bit

Jazza on way to English title

hook happy and that fight taught me a lot of things.

"If Fernandes hadn't have got up when I knocked him down, I'd probably just be the same boxer, but because he did I know what things I have to improve on and I was in the gym straightaway afterwards. Now I can't wait to box in Liverpool again and show them how I've come on."

Like all young fighters, Dickens looks at the people above him in the British rankings and dreams of proving his mettle against them. But he's a realist and accepts that he cannot think too far ahead. "Davies is not someone to be overlooked and he'll give me a real fight.

"Obviously boxers like Scott Quigg, Carl Frampton, Kid Galahad and Rendall Munroe are all people I want to fight, but I think they're looking at other things and have their own agendas.

"Good luck to them, but someday fights with them will have to happen. I just have to keep winning."

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John Cousins with the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service crash car trailer.

Four killed and 85 seriously injured

– Sefton's road accident toll in 2012

Report by **Stephanie O'Connor**

FOUR people have been killed on Sefton's roads and 85 seriously injured in 2012.

The figures have been released by Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service to highlight the importance of road safety.

Firefighters rescued 313 people from crashes on Sefton roads between January 1, 2011 and April 30, 2013, and of those rescued 300 suffered injuries.

Among those rescued in Sefton there were 41 youngsters aged 17 and under and of those young people 40 sustained injuries.

Firefighters recently carried out two road traffic collision demonstrations at Waitrose car park in Formby, among a range of events being held across Merseyside.

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service road

safety coordinator John Cousins, said: "During National Road Safety Week we engaged with many people.

"We will continue to work with communities to highlight the dangers on roads to pedestrians and drivers of all ages.

"We rescue more people from road traffic collisions than house fires each year and through our community engagement work we hope to be able to drive down the number of road collisions."

Across Merseyside there were 21 people killed and 546 people were seriously injured on roads in 2012.

Between January 1, 2010 and April 30, 2013, Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service attended 1,719 road collisions across Merseyside. In that time firefighters rescued 1,460 people from road collisions. Of that number, 1,394 of those people rescued had suffered injuries.

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Descending a docks barge put 'danger' in perspective

'HAS the bottom fallen out of your world?'

That was the intro to a story I did for a local paper back in 1965/66, and for some reason I suddenly thought of it while walking Tina the other day.

It may have had something to do with various projects I am engaged upon falling flat on their faces – though really I don't think that relatively minor disappointments qualify for a bottomless world.

And the original story was far more dramatic anyway.

It was in the '60s and I was writing about the construction of the Seaforth container dock.

Contractors were bringing broken rock from North Wales (Penmaenmawr I think) in huge barges to be dumped in the Mersey to form the basis of the sea wall of the dock – and I was invited to come out and watch them completing the final stage of their journey round the coast.

I, and a photographer, were invited aboard a launch which took us out towards the Mersey estuary, where we more or less stepped from the deck of the launch onto one of the barges being towed towards Seaforth.

All went well as we completed our return journey



One Man & His Dog
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– including a welcome mug of tea from the barge's crew.

Now I knew from the briefing we had received before we set off what was to happen once the barge was in place at its destination – but sometimes words cannot adequately describe what happened in actuality.

Basically, great clam doors in the bowels of the barge opened, allowing God knows how many tons of good Welsh rock to drop into place on the river bed.

And at the same time, relieved of its extreme load, the barge itself went upwards, literally like a lift.

Very exciting – a good story and a good job done.

Only of course it wasn't.

Relieved of its ponderous cargo the barge returned to the river, and to the launch waiting to take us back to dry land.

But unlike our first river transfer, this was no longer a case of simply stepping from

deck to deck. The whole kit and caboodle we were standing on had shot up several feet and we were literally gazing down into the launch – and the surging Mersey tideway.

I can't remember whether it was a rope ladder or a ladder of some other material we were faced with for this short but terrifying descent, but of the three possible alternatives – a safe landing in the launch, getting trapped 'twixt launch and barge, or not getting trapped and whizzing off down the river with the tide, the first seemed the only one desirable – and since I am here to tell the tale you can guess that that is what we managed to do.

Whether 'elf'n safety would countenance a couple of inexperienced young people being even invited to try such a thing these days (I think we wore life jackets) I don't know.

What I do know is that the memory of that little adventure firmly puts into perspective the minor dangers to which I might be subjected these days. The daunting prospect of jumping from one muddy bank of a ditch to the other when invited recently to walk the route of the new Thornton – Switch Island by-pass really doesn't measure up, does it?

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We are very pleased to announce that our BBQ has arrived and you will be able to taste the luxuries from the 25th May. This is not just any run of the mill BBQ. This BBQ is 8 feet tall, has its own smoking chamber, spit roast as well as a charcoal grill and juice tray for cooking some of the best Balkan style food you are likely to taste in the country. We will be serving a great selection of great tasting dishes ranging from half roast chicken, Balkan kebabs, pork loin, lamb cutlets, burgers and spicy meatballs. All in our own special unique marinades or dry rub and accompanied with toasted bun and fresh salad. That's not even mentioning the Spit Roasted Spring Lamb and Suckling Piglet both served with chips, bread and fresh salad. The spit will be available on weekends and for functions. If you're chatting with friends, having a day out with the family or even watching one of our many bowls teams, check out the BBQ as our garden is the place to be. With a little luck, we might even have some sunshine! All BBQ food is also available to take away.

As for your Entertainment, this week we have folk music on Thursday 23rd from local group Time Ashore (8pm ish). Friday is the turn of SHAKY GROUND (8:45pm) playing a mixture of rock 'n' roll hits. Saturday see local favourites MEADOWHEAD (8:45) return with their own unique blend of the classics and Sunday continues with the residency for Pianist Robert Southworth, who will play Classical, pop and Jazz improvisation from 6pm. So get yourself down to The Brooke and enjoy the talent. You can now also follow us on Facebook by searching for 'Music at The Brooke Hotel' and giving the page a 'like'.

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Bank staff do their bit for the community

Report by **Holly Rummens**

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Employees at Santander, Bootle, are giving up their free time to assist the community in local projects they have set up themselves.

Santander supports any of their employees that wishes to carry out a project for the community, by providing any materials they need and encouraging as many members as possible to take part. All they have to do is register their interest on their website and simply search for a local project to help out with.

Around 20 members of the Bridle Road bank, will be at Rice Lane infant school, Walton tomorrow (Thursday, May 23) to offer help by painting the fences and tidying up the grounds of the school. They are expected to be there from 9.30am – 3.30pm. Further events have also been planned at Cleopas 468 Community Project and Greenbank High School.

Kristian Tilly, manufacturing graduate for Santander said: "The reason for it is simply to put something back into the local communities within which we operate, as Santander has a strong sense of corporate social responsibility, it is at the heart of our organisational values to give something back."

"I have recently made a personal commitment to encourage and organise as many community projects and charity events as possible, usually a member of staff would only undertake one project over a 12 months period."



Bootle Santander volunteer team.

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Kristian has received a lot of help towards these projects not just from Santander but also his colleagues, and advisors who work at the Santander call centre. They have volunteered to help out at his events, which will provide him with the resources he needs to fulfil the projects.

In addition to the community

projects, a number of employees from the Bootle office are also competing in a number of charity fundraising events in the up coming months such as Race for Life at Aintree, and the Manchester to Blackpool bike ride in September in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

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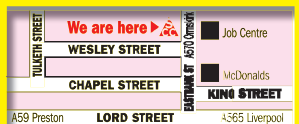
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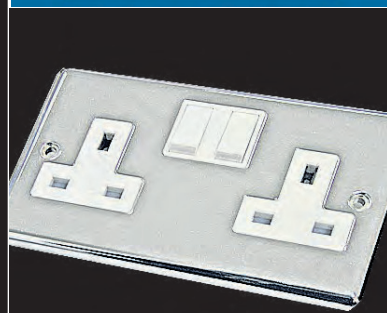
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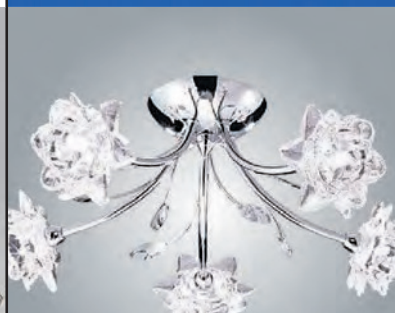


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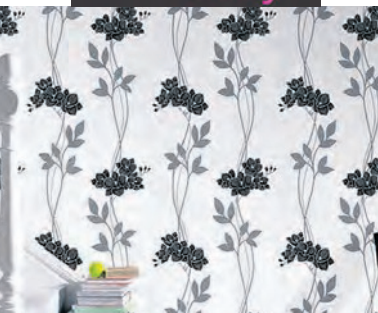
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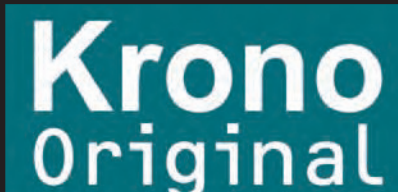
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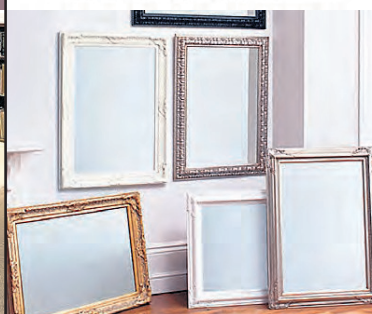
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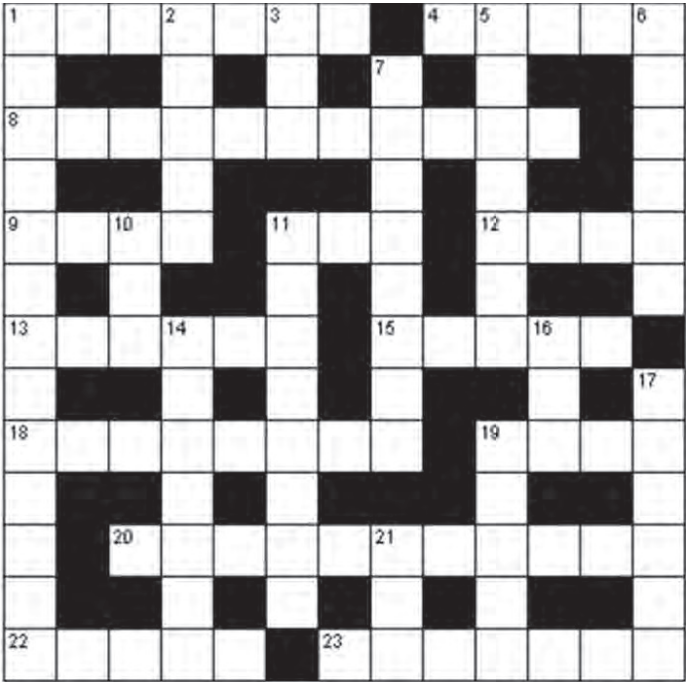
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'A grey area of the law'

Solicitor's concern after man, 59, is prosecuted for having lock-knife in the glove compartment of his car

THE possession of a blade in a public place is a 'grey area of the law that needs to be more widely publicised.'

Defence solicitor Nick Archer was speaking following the prosecution of a Formby man at South Sefton Magistrates last week.

Mr Archer said his client, Trevor Randle, 59, had no idea he was committing an offence when police stopped him for possession of a blade in a public place. The man had used a lock-knife to cut back loose upholstery in his car that a puppy had been chewing on and then stored the knife in the glove compartment of his car oblivious that it was, in fact, an offence to have it there.

"It is one of those areas of the law that needs to be more widely publicised", said Mr Archer.

He explained: "According to the Crown Prosecution Service guidelines there are two possible offences for carrying a blade or a sharp article: possession of an offensive weapon in a public place; or possession of a blade/sharp pointed object in a public place.

The Prevention of Crime Act 1953 states that an offensive weapon is 'any article made or adapted for use to cause injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use.' Although, obviously, this includes knives and other

purpose made weapons, it could also include other items that normally have innocent functions but are being used for malicious intent.

Except in the latter case, the guidelines state that the prosecution does not need to prove that the defendant intended to use the weapon to injure someone. Defendants will be guilty of possessing an offensive weapon unless they can prove they had 'lawful authority or reasonable excuse' for having it.

The same applies to the offence of possession of a blade/sharp pointed object. According to the Criminal Justice Act 1988, just having it in a public place is sufficient grounds for prosecution, unless the defendant can prove he 'had good reason or lawful authority' for having it, such as for use at work, 'for religious reasons' or as 'part of a national costume.' A blade or sharply pointed object is one not specifically designed to cause injury but is nevertheless capable of causing harm. A butter knife, though it has no cutting edge or point, is considered a bladed article, as are lock-knives.

The only knives that can be legitimately carried are folding

pocket knives, with blades of less than 7.62cm/3inches. (Lock-knives are not included in this, regardless of the blade's size, as they are 'not immediately foldable at all times') Screwdrivers are not considered a bladed article but could potentially be deemed an offensive weapon.

Depending on the circumstances, sentencing ranges from high level community orders to four years in prison. The fact

that the weapon or pointed article may have at one time originally been used in the line of work would only count towards mitigation, as it was in the case of Trevor Randle.

Randle pleaded guilty to possession of a knife in a public place. Magistrates were as lenient as they could be in the circumstances and told him he had to pay costs of £85 and was placed on a midnight to 6am curfew for four weeks.



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Report by **Kenny Parker**

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Members of Sefton Sea Cadets perform songs from musical theatre at the event.

Sea cadets make a song and dance – and raise £11,000

Report by **Holly Rummens**

SEFTON Sea Cadets presented their own charity night to raise funds to help towards more opportunities for cadets.

The charity concert night was held at Litherland Royal British Legion where the cadets very own 'Glee club' performed a series of songs from hit musicals.

Michael Owens, Georgia Campbell, Jess Malone, Sophie Aindow, Emily Robinson and sisters Sophie and Louise Cowling were the stars of the night each performing individual and group performances, with Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat being a the main crowd pleaser of the night.

Nearly 100 cadets, former cadets, church

members and family and friends turned up at the event. And as well as singing and dancing the cadets also held a raffle and hosted a bingo competition allowing them to raise an impressive £11,000 in funds.

The plan is to put the money raised towards funds for cadets to carry out external activities, training qualifications and special equipment.

Brian Campbell, chief petty officer for the sea cadets said: "Everyone had a fantastic time. I am pleased we raised so much money and we will put it towards buying new equipment for the sea cadets."

"We are a self-supporting charity and, therefore, have to fundraise to keep our building running, cadets to go on courses or activities."

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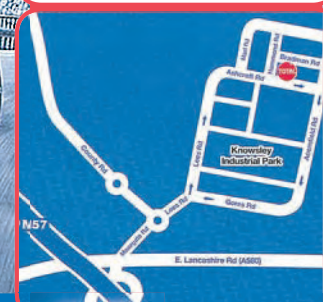
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Still packing in the crowds after 40 years

By Danielle Thompson

SHOWADDYWADDY are coming to Southport's newly-revamped Atkinson Gallery as part of the band's 40th anniversary tour – and we are offering Champion readers the chance to win a pair of tickets in a free and easy-to-enter competition. The eight-man group, known for their Teddy Boy gear and re-working of 1950s and 60s hits, first rose to prominence in the 1970s, when they had a No. 1 album, as well as 10 UK top-ten singles, and have continued to tour ever since.

We caught up with bassist Rod Deas as the band prepared for their Southport gig on Friday, May 24.

One of only two original members – drummer Romeo Challenger is the other – Rod told the Champion: "The dynamics of the band have changed as we've got older."

"Musically, I think we've got better but maybe we haven't got quite so much energy now!"

"The show includes our hits and best album tracks which we are still excited to perform."

Rod admits he finds it hard to name a particular favourite number but says: "I'll always love performing Hey Rock and Roll, as it was our first single, but obviously I've also got a soft spot for our No. 1, Under the Moon of Love."

And he adds: "I've got mixed emotions about



being one of the last two original members. Obviously I'm sad that the others have retired but I love performing and as long as people are enjoying our music we'll carry on playing – we're still playing to packed venues."

Dave Bartram, one of the former lead singers, retired as frontman two years ago but now manages the band. Rod said: "Dave has been managing us since the 1980s but it is different not having him as a singer."

"We're glad he's still part of the set-up, and he was a fantastic front man, but we wouldn't have carried on without him if we didn't think we could do the band justice."

Choosing new members for the band was a problem, Rod confesses – "you need the right blend of new people" – but it's something they seem to have managed successfully judging by

their ongoing popularity.

"I don't know the secret of our success. We were an eight-man line-up at a time when nobody else really was – most other groups had either four or five members. And while everyone else was wearing jeans and T-shirts we dressed up and put on suits. "These things together just seemed to work for us."

As for the band's name, which is still a talking point four decades down the line, he said: "No one has ever taken credit for the name."

"Some people – wrongly – think we tried to copy the American group Sha Na Na. "But we were just jamming some rock and roll and blues songs and we took it from the backing vocals – you know when you just sing, du-wap, shah-waddy-waddy."

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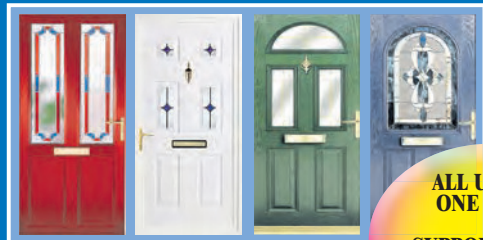
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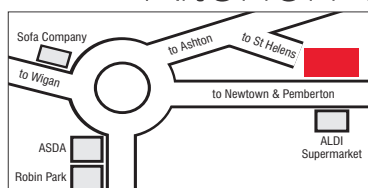
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Report by **David Raven**

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Why not join more than 3,000 Sefton people who have quit smoking using local stop smoking services since last year?

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Sefton's Stop Smoking Service has 27 clinics and 24 supported pharmacies all offering expert advice and help which means you are four times more likely to stay quit if you use them to stop smoking.

So it's never been easier to access the help you need to find the right approach to successfully quit.

Dr Janet Atherton, Sefton's director of public health, said: "With the light nights and warmer days people choose a healthier lifestyle by eating healthier and increasing their physical activity. If you smoke, quitting is the single most important thing you can do to improve your health."

"We are continuing to promote Support so people who live, work and are educated in the borough know there is confidential, free, stop smoking help and advice available throughout the year."

Station Road Pharmacy in Maghull is one of the 27 pharmacies in Sefton where you can get NHS supported stop smoking advice.

Lynne Holland, a healthcare assistant at the Station Road Pharmacy, said: "Every day we have people asking about stop smoking aids

**Carol Mills from Sefton's Stop Smoking Service, with Station Road Pharmacy representatives Lynne Holland, Pharmacy owner John Blundell and Jan Swain and Paula Bennett**
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and because we have been trained we are able to give help and advice to enable them to find the right approach to successfully quit."

Health experts have said that it is never too late to stop smoking and as soon as people do their health starts improving. Smokers who stop will see: after eight hours their oxygen levels return to normal; within four days their breathing is easier and energy levels increase; by the third month their circulation improves making walking and physical activity easier; and in nine months their lung capacity has been enhanced so that coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath should be a thing of the past.

Support has many drop-in clinics and stop smoking sessions throughout Sefton at places and times to make it easier for people to get the help you need to quit.

Call Healthy Sefton on 0300 100 1000 or visit: www.healthysefton.nhs.uk/ to find your nearest one.david.raven@champnews.com

New health boss appointed

MERSEY Care NHS Trust have appointed a new executive director of Corporate Governance & Communications.

Elaine Darbyshire, who until recently was the director of Communications and Corporate Affairs for NHS North of England, will join the Trust's Board in June.

Chief executive Joe Rafferty said: "Mersey Care is a leader in service user involvement throughout our organisation and the communities we serve."

"The Trust Board believes that service users, carers and staff should all be treated with equal dignity and respect."

"I welcome Elaine's appointment to our senior management team to develop this involvement in the future and I am sure she will strengthen our governing board and further enhance its valuable mix of business talent, insight, specialist knowledge and experience as we move towards becoming a Foundation Trust."

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As most of us have no real training nor ideas it can be a daunting task. This supplement will guide you through some of the choices you have to make and how to plan to make your home the very best it can be.

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- Have a good look at the size of your room. It is too easy to go to a shop and be wowed by something that would be fine in a farmhouse but not so great in a two bed flat. So be realistic when you plan.

- Work out your best routine when you are in the kitchen. From chopping to cooking to taking to the table, the least amount of steps possible is the best way forward.

- Try to aim at having NO fixed shelves in base units. There are lots of pull out, swing out, self close ideas out there now which make life much easier to get to the jar or can you need (you know, the one at the very back of the cupboard)

- Make sure the lighting is right. Most kitchens must be bright enough to work in but also look good for dinner parties if they are on show. Ambient, yet practical LED's are ideal.

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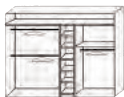
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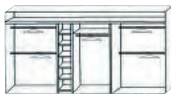
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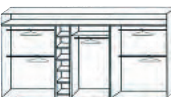
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Again storage and lighting are very important...



Here are our TOP TIPS

- The bed is the biggest element of furniture in this room. Plan where you want it. Think of yourself waking up. What will be the first thing you see? A nice view or a wall?

- Next come the dressing table and side tables. And more importantly the electric points you are going to need. Hairdryers, bedside lamps, extra television... Plan this right and the room functionality will be great, plan it wrong and you will have trailing wires everywhere

- What flooring? Carpet is traditional but do you have kids and pets? Laminate may be better with easy to clean rugs. Wooden floors also make a room look bigger and are easier to accessorise.

- Live your dreams in colour, yes but which one? Strong colours or patterns may look attractive but will not be very relaxing. Soft pastels may be boring but vibrant posters and accessories can be used and taken away in a moment.

- Lighting is key in a bedroom. If you must have a centre light, would a dimmer be a good idea? Strong lighting is a real turn off and does not make for easy relaxation. However key lights to read comfortably for example, or make yourself up are important consideration...



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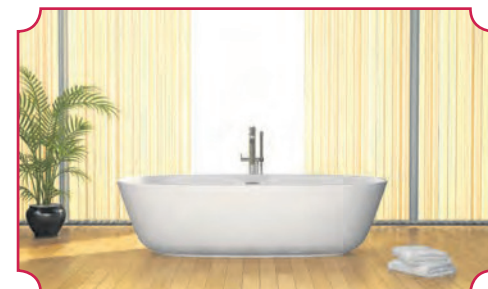
We think of the bathroom today very differently to our parents and grandparents. It is not just a washing place but a haven of relaxation after a hard day or, depending on who uses it, a functional space that has to "deliver" with power showers and wet room facilities.

Here are our TOP TIPS

- Shower or bath? If space is at a premium a fabulous shower may be the way to go rather than a cramped tub in a corner. There are many models out there to suit every budget. Beware though... Do not buy anything too flimsy because once in place you really don't want to have to rethink this space too often.

- Pipe work! Beware that moving WC's and baths that are already in place can be very costly. It is much better, if there is nothing wrong with the original layout, to stick to it and revamp accordingly.

- Good storage is essential. From soaps to towels, from toothpaste to shampoo you will need to plan what you want to do. Too often in bathrooms everything is on show because there are not enough drawers and cupboards available. There are lots of free standing



units choices available these days as opposed to fitted cupboards that you will have to plan very carefully.

- Heating is important. A bathroom is where you are at your most vulnerable every single day! Underheated floors are not the premium they once were and heated towel rails can make all the difference.

- Beware of colours and themes. Avocado suites once were the best thing money could buy and today, are the first thing that gets ripped out by new buyers in a property. White however is always good, and luxurious towels and accessories can change the look of the room at will.

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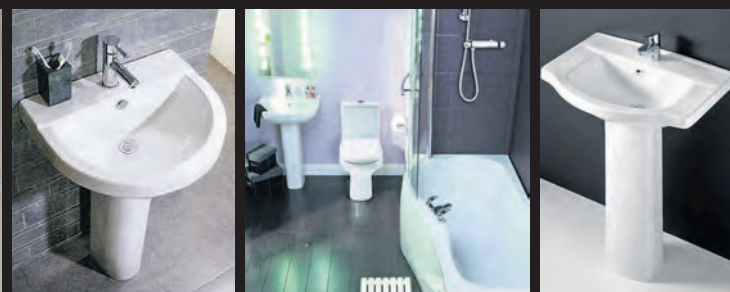
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A busy household with children will always benefit from a laminate floor. Stains are easy to wipe off and food spillage can just be mopped over. Carpets are not so forgiving! The only slight drawback is that you will clean a laminate floor more often as it tends to show up dirt a lot more.

Another important point of consideration is how cold the house is. If you don't get a lot of sunlight for example, a carpeted room will be much cosier AND warmer in the winter months. Of course the reverse is true. If you have a small flat, a laminate floor will give a feeling of space and open up the rooms.

Are you trying to impress? By that we mean, selling the house soon? Go for laminate floors. They are not only cheaper but it has been proven that they make better impression with would be buyers.

When considering your floor covering, it is important to make the right decision. In terms of expense, this is one area where you really cannot afford to make a mistake.

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A carpet is always a personal choice while a laminate floor is more of a canvas that people can adapt to their own vision.

Is the budget important? There is no doubt that laminates are not only cheaper but will look good longer than any cheaper carpet would. On the other hand, if money is not a problem, a stylish thick carpet is unbeatable.

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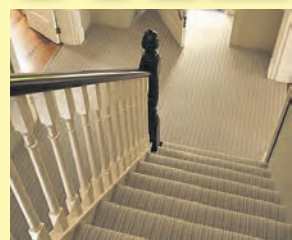
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Whether your home is large enough to have a separate lounge as well as a dining room or both into one the same rules will apply.

In this space, it is important that your personality gets reflected but beware of falling victim to fads... unless you love decorating often that is !

Here are our **TOP TIPS**

- Create space. If you have a small room use of mirrors, windows and lighting can help make a room seem larger. Metallized wallpaper for instance can make a small room look much bigger by reflecting light. If you are blessed with a larger space try to create zones (relax zone with TV and comfortable sofa, activity zone with desk and PC, etc..)



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• Colours. Again the lighter the walls the bigger it will seem. Dark colours shrink the world around you and though more fun than pastels, you will soon get tired of them. Accessories such as cushions and rugs can change the look of the place in a moment

• Lighting. Enhance natural light

wherever possible and use spotlights to showcase certain areas in the lounge (a painting, a fire place, etc) allowing the space to feel more intimate and cosy at night.

• Television size. The monster in the room? Too big a screen in a small space will become its focus point. No

matter how flat a screen is it is still a screen. Just be aware that a tiny TV in a big space is equally as ridiculous. Free standing is the way as TV's fixed on a wall can be very uncomfortable to watch for any amount of time. Also, buy ambient DVD's and use your television as a living painting.

• Oversized furniture. A small room cannot take overstuffed sofas, huge dining tables six chairs and oversized coffee tables. Keep a reality check when you purchase your furniture. How will this sit with what you already have? What space will be left when the item is in situ?

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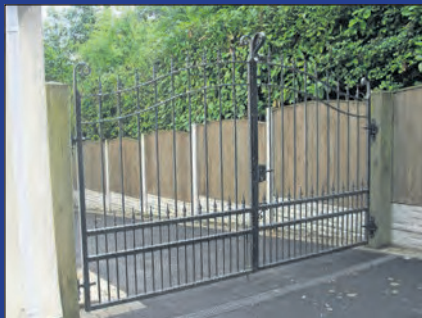
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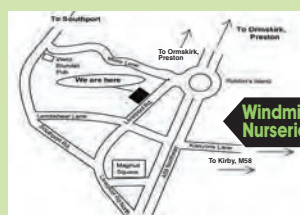
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- More than anywhere, planning is essential. Start by asking yourself who will use your garden? A family of six, just you and the cat? Are you a BBQ fan or do you like wild flowers everywhere? Once you decide the rest will easily follow.

- The sun. Where does it fall? When? Are you an all day sun trap? Or just a few hours in the morning? Once you know, your local garden centre expert will become your best friend and they will be able to help you in making the right choice of plants.

- Kids. If the garden will be used with children in mind, how safe is it? Are there ponds, ditches, sharp stones... every year hundred of accidents happen in gardens because no one foresaw the dangers when planning. Don't become part of a statistic.

- Privacy. How close are the neighbours? If you feel overlooked plant tall growing trees or use attractive fencing so that you keep yourself to yourself when you want to!

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Managing Director John Tasker said: "We've been helping people to transform their homes for more than 60 years.

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Musician writes single in memory of his cousin who died of Leukaemia

Report by **Holly Rummens**

A MUSICIAN from Kirkdale is hoping to create waves in the music chart after he wrote a single in memory of his cousin who died of Leukaemia. Andy Manning has written and recorded the song in aid of the James Apter Friendship Fund, which was founded back in 2012 following the death of his relative. James Apter, Andy's cousin, was born in Fazakerley Hospital with Cystic Fibrosis, and in April 2011 James was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia and fought for six months before sadly passing away in Sept 2011 aged just nine-years-old. The James Apter Friendship Fund helps raise money to put towards children's toys in the Oncology and Respiratory units in Alder Hey. Andy's single called Looking For will be released on June 10 and will also feature another one of his tracks Breath, which can be purchased from a number of online music stores and costs 99p to download with every penny going towards the charity. Andy said: "Hopefully with enough publicity the single will be entered into the charts, and if we sell enough not only can we generate radio play but will hopefully generate more sales and therefore more money for the charity. "As James enjoyed music I thought it



Andy Manning delivering gifts to the children on the Oncology Unit in Alder Hey. Code NA

would be a good idea to put a single together to help out the charity. I am hoping that people will download the track not only to help the charity, but also because they like the single." As the charity was founded by James's family who are originally from Maghull, most of the fundraising events that take place involve family and friends.

Currently John Manning, Andy's dad is in training for a 50 mile bike ride from Liverpool to Chester and only recently the charity raised nearly £5,000 through running the Liverpool Half Marathon. For more information on the Jame Apter Friendship Fund and how to donate to the charity visit their website on www.jamesapter.com



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Sharing the title role are two well-known local singers: Lesley Smith and Isobel Jenkins.

The colourful production will be staged in an intimate setting and will be sung in English so that the full effect of this powerful story can be experienced.

Location and dates: Wednesday, June 5–Liverpool Academy of Arts, Seel St; Friday, June 7 Westbourne Hall, West Kirby; Saturday, June 8 All Hallows' Church Hall, Allerton; Friday, June 14 The Village Hall, Aughton; Saturday, June 15 St Julie's Church, St Helens; Friday, June 21 Lord St. West Church, Southport; Saturday, June 22 St Mary's College, Everest Rd. Crosby.

All Performances start at 7.30pm.

For tickets, phone 0151 920 2093 or email operaviva@gmail.com

Potter play was mesmerising

Review by **Jenny Robson**

• Blue Remembered Hills
• Liverpool Playhouse – May 14 to 18

IT'S 1943 in the Forest of Dean as an excruciatingly noisy Spitfire zooms overhead. Seven children – five boys (Raymond, John, Donald, Willie and Peter) and two girls (Angela and Audrey) are out playing.

One runs around with arms outstretched to mimic the plane; the war is somewhat exciting – the foundation for many games.

Raymond is dressed as a cowboy, two boys are fighting over a cooking apple while the girls, who have one doll between them, are out for a walk with their toy pram.

Although I was only a twinkle in my father's eye in 1943 I found it easy to identify with the children; the games were almost identical to those I played while growing up during the fifties ... the good old days when we could experience pure joy by merely having a roly-poly down a small hill!

The clothes were the same – dresses with

Peter Pan collars and puffed sleeves or dowdy skirts and hand-knitted cardigans for the girls. Fair-isle tank tops, braces, slouchy socks and boots with 'long' shorts were the order of the day for the boys.

The seven fine adult actors who played the children acquitted themselves beautifully. They perfectly depicted the mannerisms and voices of children of the time and Psyche Stott's direction was superb.

Clever lighting gave colour to the monochrome set – suitably eerie in the forest scenes and bright and cheerful in the 'out-in-the-fresh-air' scenes. The story switches between friendships, squabbles, power-struggles, ganging-up, and childish cruelty (remember Chinese burns ... and cowardly, cowardly custard?).

I could have done without the awful scene when the boys kicked a squirrel to death but this was Dennis Potter's way of depicting human nature at its worst – or so we thought. A terrible tragedy was looming – one that was to change their lives forever.

Score: 9/10 – thought-provoking and mesmerising!

Author Manfred Kuhlmann in Crosby to promote his books



Manfred Kuhlmann. Pic by Ron Ellis

Report by **Ron Ellis**

MANFRED Kuhlmann will be in Crosby next week to promote his two latest books.

Beat Waves 'Cross The Mersey, is a revised version of his long out of print best-seller, The Sound With the Pound, with an additional 142 illustrations and 112 pages.

A comprehensive anthology of the Merseybeat era, this book chronicles the complete stories of 164 Merseyside groups, plus an additional 100 line-ups and a list of 344 group names, for a total of 607 groups that were active in Liverpool and the

surrounding area in the late 1950's to the end of the Sixties.

It is a vast cornucopia of information about characters on the scene, including biographies of the groups, details of venues, lots of previously unseen photographs plus tickets and playbills from the sixties.

Some Other Guys features the complete stories of another 66 Merseyside groups of the 1960's. NONE of these stories are included in Beat Waves 'Cross The Mersey and this book includes an additional 104 line-ups, making a total of 174 groups!

There is also a set of three CD's that complement the stories in the books which feature original recordings from the 1960's, many of them never previously released plus some live recordings from the famous Liverpool clubs, all digitally re-mastered.

An acknowledged expert of the North West beat boom, Manfred says his work has been a labour of love for him over many years of research and he will be discussing this with Billy Butler on his BBC Radio Merseyside morning show on Saturday, May 25.

In addition, Manfred will be signing copies of his books and meeting his fans at the following local venues:-

Wednesday, May 29 at 11am Broadhursts Bookshop, Market Street, Southport

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Alistair Hewitt, Mike Stowell and John Delahunty play the editor and his team of power hungry hacks who each want to take a different action. They are guided by Laura Ellis as the razor sharp barrister who tells them how far they can go before they are likely to end up in court.

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The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010

Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990

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Applicant/Ref Keepmoat Homes S/2013/0530
Address Site at Exeter, Hertford, Kebble & Queens Roads, Bootle
Proposal Erection of 65 dwellings with associated works

This application requires wider publicity.

You can look at the application on our website at www.sefton.gov.uk/planapps. Alternatively you can contact us to arrange to view the plans at Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 3NJ (telephone 0151 934 3568) between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Thursday) and 8.30am to 4pm (Friday). If you have any comments about the application please complete our on-line form at www.sefton.gov.uk/planapps, or write to me at Magdalen House within 21 days of the date of the publication of this Notice.

J Gowing, Head of Planning Services, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Rd, Bootle L20 3NJ

Traffic

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984, SECTION 14(1) AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SHREWSBURY AVENUE, AINTREE

On 23rd May 2013, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Shrewsbury Avenue, Aintree to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out. The Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The works are due to commence on Tuesday 28th May, 2013 and are expected to take up to four days to complete. Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

Alternative Route

The alternative route for all traffic will be via: Altway, Ellesmere Drive, Aintree Lane, Athol Crescent and vice versa.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HEYSHAM ROAD, NETHERTON

On 23rd May 2013, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close Heysham Road, Netherton between Wakefield Road and Leckwith Road to enable essential manhole repair works to be carried out. The Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The works are due to commence on Monday 27th May, 2013 and are expected to take up to one week to complete. Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

Alternative Route

The diversion route for all traffic will be via: Wakefield Road, Grange Road, Leckwith Road and vice versa.

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TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE OXFORD ROAD, WATERLOO

On 23rd May 2013, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, to close the footpath which lies between Oxford Road and Sweden Grove, Waterloo to allow for work to take place to an electricity substation which will require excavation works in the adjacent footpath. The Order will continue in force for a maximum period of 21 days or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. The works are due to commence on Tuesday 28th May, 2013 and are expected to take up to four days to complete. Access will be maintained for the Emergency Services and where possible for residents.

Alternative Route

The alternative route will be signed locally.

New Traffic Regulation Orders

On 23rd May, 2013 Metropolitan Borough Council made the following Orders under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004. The general effect of which is described in the schedule below. The Orders will come into operation on 20th June 2013. Copies of the Orders and relevant maps may be inspected at the offices of Sefton Council in either Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle; or Town Hall, Lord Street, Southport; during normal office hours. Any person who desires to question the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that they are not within the powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Acts or of any instrument made under them has not been complied with in relation to the Orders, may within the six weeks from 23rd May 2013, apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE

The Metropolitan Borough of Sefton (Bridle Way, Netherton) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2013

To Revoke:

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The family and husband Ste of the late Ann wish to express sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown to them during their recent bereavement, also for cards, letters of condolence received and donations to her charity.

Thanks to Hardmans especially Mel for her patience and kindness and Rev Tim Barton for his kindness.

Thank you to all you wonderful people for being there at the Crematorium, you made my heart a little lighter knowing she was so well thought of "Bless you all"

Emma and Mum

DEATHS

HAMPSON Roy

13th May 2013

Suddenly but peacefully in hospital, aged 57 years

Devoted son to Joan and Gordon. Much loved father of Lee, Jamie and Roy. Beloved brother of Glenda, Jackie and Carol. Cherished Grandad to all of his grandchildren. Roy will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service and cremation will take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 23rd May at 1.20pm. Family flowers only by request with donations if so desired to Wigan Infirmary Coronary Care Unit. All further enquiries to William Charles Family Funeral Directors Ltd, 232 Warbreck Moor, Aintree L9 0HZ. Tel 0151 525 1212.

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Love from Sylvia,
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IN MEMORIAM

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09/03/78 - 25/05/12



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Goodnight Son
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DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask for one special favour. (mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

T.Q.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

D.B.

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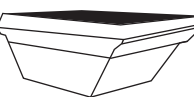
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BMW's electric car will be a 'game changer'

Report by David Simister

AN electric car being billed by one of Europe's biggest luxury car firms as having "game-changing" technology will arrive in the North West later this year.

BMW said its i3 city car, a fully electric car which takes advantage of carbon fibre construction methods and special high voltage batteries, would arrive in Britain towards the end of the year, with the i8, a hybrid sports car, arriving soon afterwards. Tim Abbot, BMW UK's managing director, said: "With BMW i, we are offering game-changing technology that will revolutionise the way we move through a completely new driving and ownership experience."

"With the announcement of our BMW i retail network we are open for business and taking deposits on the i3 and i8."

Two BMW dealerships within easy reach of Champion readers are among the 46 across the country chosen to sell and look after the highly specialised 'i' models – Bowker BMW, based in Preston, and Williams BMW, based in Liverpool.

Full prices and specification details are due to be announced by BMW at the end of the year.



BMW are hoping to crack the electric car nut with the sophisticated i3 Code NA

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David has already arranged a space for an Aston Martin CC100 Speedster in his dream garage Code NA

Speedster is a good idea – if only I could afford it!

Life on Cars by David Simister

OUTRAGEOUS. Attention-grabbing. Extrovert. Not words, chances are, you'll have been using to describe Aston Martin's offerings of late.

The company makes some of the most graceful motoring offerings on the market today and – right from the entry-level V8 Vantage to the reinvented Vanquish – they're not exactly lacking in thumping amounts of torque and exhaust notes so good they induce goosebumps either.

They're all things of beauty, but shocking or genuinely surprising they aren't. Stylistically at least all of Aston's current range harks back to the DB9 of 2004, which in turn borrowed more than a few of its good looks from 1994's DB7.

That's why the company's latest concept car, the open-top, two-seater CC100 Speedster, is such a breath of fresh air.

It's inspired by the car that brought Aston one of its greatest motorsport moments – the DBR1, which won Le Mans in 1959 – and is loud, lairy and just a little bit yellow in all the right places.

Everything a brand new DB9 isn't, basically.

It's basically the company's 100th birthday present to itself, which is great considering all anyone would have expected them to do is organise a gathering of Aston owners in a park somewhere and issue a press release with a picture of a suitably decorated birthday cake company.

In fact, the last time a car company did something this spectacular for a birthday bash was when Ferrari treated us to the F40.

Already it's prompted a bit of debate here at the Classic Car Weekly offices, with some of us reckoning it's a thing of beauty and others writing it off as a vulgar pastiche of the old DBR1.

For what it's worth, though, I love it, because it shows that Aston, after years of investing in photocopiers rather than car designers, can still do stuff that's strikingly in-yer-face.

The thing that really excites me about the CC100, however, is that the last genuinely eyeball-grabbing Aston concept, the 1998 Project Vantage, sired the original Vanquish three years later.

Fingers crossed that one day, in a couple of years' time, you'll actually be able to stroll into an Aston showroom and storm out in your very own Speedster.

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could not raise a team. Over the bank holiday weekend Bootle have two league matches away to Wallasey on Saturday and at home to Hightown on Monday, plus a Ray Digman Trophy home tie with Leigh on Sunday.

Brazier steps up to manager's role

MARINE have appointed former player and assistant manager Phil Brazier as their new manager.

Brazier, 35, joined Marine as a player from Vauxhall Motors in 2006 and for the past four seasons, has been assistant manager to Kevin Lynch who recently left the club.

Joining Brazier as assistant manager will be former player and coach Peter Cumiskey and current player Robbie Lawton is appointed player/coach.

Marine chairman Paul Leary said: "Phil's appointment provides the many benefits of continuity and to promote him from within is well deserved.

"His choice of Peter and Robbie as his backroom staff is excellent. They are both experienced non-league campaigners who will play a key role in supporting Phil as our new manager.

"I am sure this announcement will be well received by our fans and I have no doubt that Phil and his backroom team will work very hard to continue to build on the progress made in the



Phil Brazier, centre, with Marine club officials.

last few seasons." Phil Brazier said: "Me and the new backroom team aim to continue the previous good work, with a few key additions, to what I believe is a squad capable of challenging for trophies.

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Hightown shock S&B as Northern just fall short

HIGHTOWN shocked Southport & Birkdale in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division dismissed them for just 61

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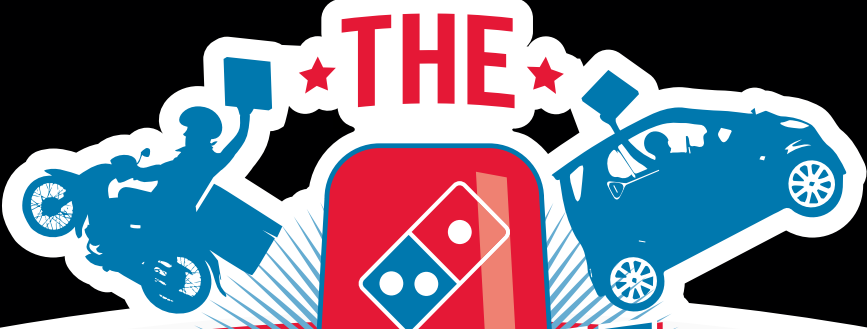
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